

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, Agricultural Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S707–S774

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1987–1996, and S. Res. 343–344. **Page S763**

Measures Reported:

S. Res. 270, supporting the goals and ideals of World Polio Day and commending the international community and others for their efforts to prevent and eradicate polio.

S. Res. 333, strongly recommending that the United States renegotiate the return of the Iraqi Jewish Archive to Iraq. **Page S761**

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Penn State University Women's Volleyball Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 344, congratulating the Penn State University women's volleyball team for winning the 2013 National Collegiate Athletic Association Women's Volleyball Championship. **Pages S773–74**

Measures Considered:

Veterans Medical Services and Benefits: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1950, to improve the provision of medical services and benefits to veterans. **Pages S707–10**

Subsequently, the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill was withdrawn. **Page S736**

Unemployment Benefits Extension—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of S. 1845, to provide for the extension of certain unemployment benefits, taking action on the following amendments and motions proposed thereto: **Pages S736–38**

Rejected:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631, relating to extension and modification of emergency unemployment compensation program. (By a unanimous

vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 22), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Page S737**

Withdrawn:

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633, to change the enactment date. **Page S737**

Pending:

Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714, of a perfecting nature. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2715 (to Amendment No. 2714), to change the enactment date. **Page S737**

A motion was entered to close further debate on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above), and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, and pursuant to the unanimous-consent agreement of Tuesday, February 4, 2014, a vote on cloture will occur at 11:00 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014. **Page S737**

Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2716, to change the enactment date. **Pages S737–38**

Reid Amendment No. 2717 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2716), of a perfecting nature. **Page S738**

Reid Amendment No. 2718 (to Amendment No. 2717), of a perfecting nature. **Page S738**

A motion was entered to close further debate on the bill, and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on cloture will occur upon disposition of Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above). **Page S737**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid motion to commit the bill to the Committee on Finance, with instructions, Reid Amendment No. 2633 was withdrawn. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2635 (to Amendment No. 2634), of a perfecting nature, fell when Reid Amendment No. 2634 (to (the instructions) Amendment No. 2633) fell. **Page S737**

Reid Amendment No. 2632 (to Amendment No. 2631), to change the enactment date, fell when Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2631 was tabled. **Page S737**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that Wednesday, February 5, 2014 count as the intervening day. **Page S738**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, Senate resume consideration of the bill, with the time until 11 a.m. equally divided and controlled between the two Leaders, or their designees; that the filing deadline for first-degree amendments to the bill be 9:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014, and the filing deadline for second-degree amendments to Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714 (listed above) and the bill be 10:45 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014; and that the vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Reid (for Reed) Amendment No. 2714, be at 11 a.m., on Thursday, February 6, 2014. **Page S774**

Bipartisan Budget Act: Senate began consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 1963, to repeal section 403 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. **Pages S738–55**

Conference Reports:

Agricultural Act: By 68 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. 21), Senate agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 2642, to provide for the reform and continuation of agricultural and other programs of the Department of Agriculture through fiscal year 2018. **Pages S710–36**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report on the continuation of the national emergency that was declared in Executive Order 13396 on February 7, 2006, with respect to the situation in or in relation to Cote d'Ivoire; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–29) **Page S759**

Baucus Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader with the concurrence of the Republican Leader, Senate begin consideration of the nomination of Max Sieben Baucus, of Montana, to be Ambassador to the People's Republic of China; that there be 60 minutes for debate, equally divided in the usual form; that

upon the use or yielding back of time, Senate vote, without intervening action or debate, on confirmation of the nomination; that no further motions be in order. **Page S773**

Nomination Discharged: The following nomination were discharged from further committee consideration and placed on the Executive Calendar:

Michael G. Carroll, of New York, to be Inspector General, United States Agency for International Development, which was sent to the Senate on January 6, 2014, from the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs. **Page S774**

Messages from the House: **Page S759**

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—22) **Pages S736, S737**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:58 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2014. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S774.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee received a closed briefing on the situation in Afghanistan from Jennifer C. Walsh, Principal Director, Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, Office of the Secretary, Brigadier General Robert P. White, USA, Director, Pakistan/Afghanistan Coordination Cell, J–5, Joint Staff, and Kent A. Breedlove, Senior Defense Intelligence Analyst for Afghanistan, Defense Intelligence Agency, all of the Department of Defense; and